

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original): A recording medium playback device comprising:

a recording medium accommodation unit for accommodating a plurality of recording mediums in a stacked array;

a carriage chassis having at least a pickup, a turntable and a pickup moving means, said pickup moving means being adapted to move said pickup in the direction of playing back the recording medium;

a moving means for moving said carriage chassis from a standby position to a position between the recording mediums accommodated in said recording medium accommodation unit to play back the recording medium; and

a recording medium loading means for loading the recording medium inserted from outside into said recording medium accommodation unit; wherein

when said carriage chassis is in the standby position, said pickup is situated on a vertical tangential plane which is tangent to an outer circumferential edge of the recording medium on said carriage chassis side at a point where the outer circumferential edge is intersected by a loading center line of the recording medium when the recording medium is completely loaded in said recording medium accommodation unit by said recording medium loading means.

2. (original): The recording medium playback device according to claim 1, wherein

said pickup moving means has a feed screw mechanism to move said pickup in a recording medium playback direction, and

said feed screw mechanism is provided on the underside of said pickup.

3. (original): The recording medium playback device according to any one of claims 1 and 2, wherein

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said pickup moving means has a guide means to guide said pickup in the recording medium playback direction, and

said guide means is provided on the underside of said pickup.

4. (original): The recording medium playback device according to claim 1, wherein

when said carriage chassis is in the standby position, said pickup on said carriage chassis is at a position not on the loading center of the recording medium accommodated in said recording medium accommodation unit.

5. (canceled).

6. (original): A recording medium playback device comprising:

a recording medium accommodation unit for accommodating a plurality of recording mediums in a stacked array;

a carriage chassis having at least a pickup, a turntable and a pickup moving means, said pickup moving means being adapted to move said pickup in the direction of playing back the recording medium;

a moving means for moving said carriage chassis from a standby position to a position between the recording mediums accommodated in said recording medium accommodation unit to play back the recording medium; and

a recording medium loading means for loading the recording medium inserted from outside into said recording medium accommodation unit; wherein

when said carriage chassis is in the standby position, said turntable is situated on a vertical tangential plane which is tangent to an outer circumferential edge of the recording medium on said carriage chassis side at a point where the outer circumferential edge is intersected by a loading center line of the recording medium where the recording medium is completely loaded in said recording medium accommodation unit by said recording medium loading means.

7. (withdrawn): A recording medium playback device comprising:

a recording medium accommodation unit for accommodating a plurality of recording mediums in a stacked array;

a carriage chassis having at least a pickup, a turntable and a pickup moving means, said pickup moving means being adapted to move said pickup in the direction of playing back the recording medium;

a moving means for moving said carriage chassis to a position between the recording mediums accommodated in said recording medium accommodation unit to play back the recording medium;

a recording medium loading means for loading the recording medium inserted from outside into said recording medium accommodation unit; and

a stopper portion for abutting against an outer circumferential edge of the recording medium loaded by said recording medium loading means; wherein

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B said stopper portion is provided in said carriage chassis and is located at a position spaced from a loading center line of the recording medium accommodated in said recording medium accommodation unit.

8. (new): The recording medium playback device according to claim 2, wherein

a width of a part of said carriage chassis in the recording medium loading direction is smaller than a width of said pickup in the recording medium loading direction, and a part of the recording medium accommodated in said recording medium accommodation unit is situated in an area formed by setting the width of a part of said carriage chassis smaller than the width of said pickup.

9. (new): The recording medium playback device according to claim 3, wherein

a width of a part of said carriage chassis in the recording medium loading direction is smaller than a width of said pickup in the recording medium loading direction, and

a part of the recording medium accommodated in said recording medium accommodation unit is situated in an area formed by setting the width of a part of said carriage chassis smaller than the width of said pickup.

10. (new): The recording medium playback device according to claim 4, wherein

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a width of a part of said carriage chassis in the recording medium loading direction is smaller than a width of said pickup in the recording medium loading direction, and a part of the recording medium accommodated in said recording medium accommodation unit is situated in an area formed by setting the width of a part of said carriage chassis smaller than the width of said pickup.

11. (new): A recording medium playback device, comprising:

a recording media holder that holds a plurality of recording media; and

a carriage chassis having a moveable pickup, wherein the carriage chassis moves between a standby position and a position between the plurality of recording media in the recording media holder to play back a selected recording medium of the plurality of recording media,

wherein, when the carriage chassis is in the standby position, the pickup is situated on a vertical tangential plane which is tangent to an outer circumferential edge of the selected recording medium,

wherein the outer circumferential edge is disposed on a carriage chassis side of the selected recording medium,

wherein the vertical tangential plane is tangent to the outer circumferential edge at a point where the outer circumferential edge is intersected by a loading center line of the selected recording medium when the selected recording medium is completely loaded in the recording media holder.

12. (new): The recording medium playback device according to claim 11, wherein the carriage chassis comprises a feed screw mechanism that moves the pickup in a recording medium playback direction, and wherein the feed screw mechanism is provided on an underside of the pickup.

13. (new): The recording medium playback device according to claim 11, further comprising a guide that guides the pickup in the recording medium playback direction, wherein the guide is provided on the underside of the pickup.

14. (new): The recording medium playback device according to claim 12, further comprising a guide that guides the pickup in the recording medium playback direction, wherein the guide is provided on the underside of the pickup.

15. (new): The recording medium playback device according to claim 11, wherein, when the carriage chassis is in the standby position, the pickup is not located on the loading center of the selected recording medium accommodated in the recording media holder.